

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims 7, 9, and 10, and please cancel claims 1-6, 8, and 11-31, in accordance with the list of claims that begins on the following page, and which replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

List of Claims:

Claims 1-6 (canceled).

7. (currently amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 11,~~

An apparatus for detecting a lowering of a top surface of a liquid, comprising:

a housing having a housing hole;

an insertion member attached to the housing;

a dowel defining a dowel longitudinal axis, wherein the dowel has a first end and a second end, and wherein the dowel is inserted into the housing hole;

at least one float attached to the dowel;

a detector switch having an actuator arm, wherein the detector switch is attached to the housing, and wherein the actuator arm is located proximate the first end of the dowel; and

an audio transducer attached to the housing; and

wherein the insertion member has an insertion member hole, wherein the insertion member hole is at least partially aligned with the housing hole;

wherein the dowel is inserted through the insertion member hole and the housing hole;

wherein the housing has a lateral surface and a ledge, and wherein the insertion member has a first side face, and wherein the insertion member is attached to the ledge of the housing, wherein the lateral surface of the housing and the first side face of the insertion member are substantially perpendicular to the ledge of the housing, and wherein the longitudinal axis of the dowel is substantially perpendicular to the ledge of the housing; and

wherein the insertion member has a width, and each float has a width, and wherein the width of the insertion member is at least as large as the width of each float.

8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 8,~~

An apparatus for detecting a lowering of a top surface of a liquid, comprising:

a housing having a housing hole;

an insertion member attached to the housing;

a dowel defining a dowel longitudinal axis, wherein the dowel has a first end and a second end, and wherein the dowel is inserted into the housing hole;  
at least one float attached to the dowel;  
a detector switch having an actuator arm, wherein the detector switch is attached to the housing, and wherein the actuator arm is located proximate the first end of the dowel; and  
an audio transducer attached to the housing; and  
wherein the insertion member has an insertion member hole, wherein the insertion member hole is at least partially aligned with the housing hole;  
wherein the dowel is inserted through the insertion member hole and the housing hole;  
wherein the housing has a lateral surface and a ledge, and wherein the insertion member has a first side face, and wherein the insertion member is attached to the ledge of the housing, wherein the lateral surface of the housing and the first side face of the insertion member are substantially perpendicular to the ledge of the housing, and wherein the longitudinal axis of the dowel is substantially perpendicular to the ledge of the housing;  
wherein the first side face of the insertion member is curved around an axis that is substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis of the dowel; and  
wherein the insertion member has a second side face, and wherein the second side face is curved around the axis that is substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis of the dowel.

10. (currently amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 11,~~

An apparatus for detecting a lowering of a top surface of a liquid, comprising:

a housing having a housing hole;  
an insertion member attached to the housing;  
a dowel defining a dowel longitudinal axis, wherein the dowel has a first end and a second end, and wherein the dowel is inserted into the housing hole;  
at least one float attached to the dowel;  
a detector switch having an actuator arm, wherein the detector switch is attached to the housing, and wherein the actuator arm is located proximate the first end of the dowel; and  
an audio transducer attached to the housing; and  
wherein the insertion member has an insertion member hole, wherein the insertion member hole is at least partially aligned with the housing hole;

wherein the dowel is inserted through the insertion member hole and the housing hole;  
wherein the housing has a lateral surface and a ledge, and wherein the insertion member  
has a first side face, and wherein the insertion member is attached to the ledge of the housing,  
wherein the lateral surface of the housing and the first side face of the insertion member are  
substantially perpendicular to the ledge of the housing, and wherein the longitudinal axis of the  
dowel is substantially perpendicular to the ledge of the housing; and

wherein the lateral surface of the housing is curved around a curvature axis that is substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis of the dowel, and wherein the curvature axis is substantially collinear with the longitudinal axis of the dowel.

Claims 11-44 (canceled).